



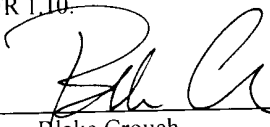
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re United States Patent Application of:****Applicant:** Van Biskirk, et al.**Application No.:** 09/768,494**Date Filed:** January 24, 2001**Title:** ISOTROPIC DRY CLEANING
PROCESS FOR METAL
INTEGRATED CIRCUIT
STRUCTURES**Docket No.:** 2771-272 CON**Examiner:** Allan W. Olsen**Art Unit:** 1746**Confirmation No.:** 2111**23448**

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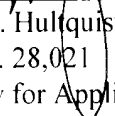
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